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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. JAPAN: SUPPORT FOR MIKI WEAKENS

IN EMBASSY TOKYO'S ESTIMATION, PRIME MINISTER MIKI'S CONSERVATIVE POWER BASE IS CRUMBLING. THE EMBASSY POINTS OUT THAT IN THE WAKE OF THE LOCKHEED SCANDAL:

--THE INFLUENCE OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER TANAKA HAS DECLINED MARKEDLY.

--DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA IS WIDELY VIEWED AS MIKI'S SUCCESSOR.

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--MIKI IS NOW VULNERABLE, AND THERE IS DISCUSSION OF HIS FALLING FROM POWER.

--HIS "CLEAN" IMAGE AND THE FACT THAT NOONE WANTS HIS JOB UNTIL THE SCANDAL IS OVER MAY KEEP HIM IN OFFICE.

EMBASSY COMMENT: WHILE MIKI IS NOW THREATENED AND HIS REPLACEMENT BY FUKUDA COULD COME SUDDENLY, WE BELIEVE HIS CHANCES ARE BETTER THAN EVER OF SURVIVING UNTIL THE LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS EXPECTED THIS FALL. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 6615, 5/6.)

2. PORTUGAL: CUNHAL BIDS FOR A PORTFOLIO

IN A MAJOR POLICY STATEMENT AT A LISBON RALLY PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST (PCP) LEADER CUNHAL ANNOUNCED THAT A GOVERNMENT OF THE LEFT WITH COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IS THE "ONLY DEMOCRATIC SOLUTION" AND THE ONLY ARRANGEMENT CORRESPONDING TO THE RESULTS OF THE APRIL 25 ELECTION. EMBASSY LISBON REPORTS THAT CUNHAL ALSO:

--CLAIMED AN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SOCIALISTS AND THE COMMUNISTS ON A COMMON PLATFORM WAS "INDISPENSABLE;"

--CALLED FOR THE MILITARY TO CHOOSE A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE FROM THEIR RANKS BUT DENIED THAT THE COMMUNISTS WILL BLINDLY FOLLOW ANY CANDIDATE BACKED BY THE MILITARY.

A SOCIALIST LEADER TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT, IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE GREATER EUROPEAN IMPERATIVE OF KEEPING COMMUNISTS IN AT LEAST ONE NATO GOVERNMENT, THE PCP IS WILLING TO PAY A HIGH PRICE FOR A PORTFOLIO.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE DANGERS AND TEMPTATIONS OF AN ATTRACTIVE PCP OFFER OF A COMMON PLATFORM ARE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE SOCIALISTS' REFUSAL TO CONSIDER AN ALLIANCE WITH THEIR MOST LOGICAL PARTNER, THE POPULAR DEMOCRATS. BY AVOIDING ALL ALLIANCES THE SOCIALIST PARTY CAN JUSTIFY AND CONFIDENTIAL

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MAKE POLITICALLY FEASIBLE ITS REFUSAL TO BRING THE PCP INTO THE GOVERNMENT. (CONFIDENTIAL) LISBON 3013, 5/6.)

3. FISHERIES DISPUTE: ICELAND THINKS A CORNER HAS BEEN TURNED

EMBASSY REYKJAVIK REPORTS THAT BRITISH TRAWLERS:

--HAVE RETURNED TO DISPUTED WATERS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS
FROM BOAT OWNERS; AND

--ARE AWAITING A REPLY FROM HMG TO DEMANDS FOR BETTER
PROTECTION AGAINST THE ICELANDIC COAST GUARD.

WHILE ICELANDIC FOREIGN MINISTER AGUSTSSON DOES NOT INTER-
PRET THE TRAWLERS' TEMPORARY PULLOUT ON MAY 5 AS A UK SUR-
RENDER, HE VIEWS THE MOVE AS INDICATIVE OF THE HARDSHIPS
THAT COAST GUARD HARASSMENT IS INFLECTING UPON THE BRITISH.

EMBASSY COMMENT: EVEN THOUGH A THEME OF CAUTION RUNS
THROUGH MUCH OF THE REACTION HERE TO THE LATEST EVENTS,
THERE ALSO SEEMS TO BE A FEELING THAT A CORNER OF SOME SORT
HAS BEEN TURNED IN ICELAND'S FAVOR. A HIGHLY VISIBLE STEP-
UP IN UK PROTECTIVE MEASURES ("AGGRESSION" AS DEFINED BY
ICELAND) COULD CAUSE ICELANDIC EMOTIONS TO FLARE AGAIN TO
THEIR MID-WINTER PEAK. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) REYKJAVIK
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